**THE CASTLE BUILDER: KEY WORDS WORKSHEET**

Using the Castle Builder activity at [www.activehistory.co.uk](http://www.activehistory.co.uk), complete this worksheet by clicking on the key words on the screen as you build your castle!

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| Key Word | Details |
| Moat | They were little patches of water, or sometimes thorns, to keep away enemies. |
| Drawbridge | Drawbridges were bridges used to keep away unwanted people. |
| Portcullis | A large wooden gate in front of the castle. |
| Barbican | A small brick house that surrounded the gate house. |
| 'Curtain' wall | A wall that surrounded the perimeter. |
| Concentric walls | They would have several walls that were different sizes. |
| Merlons and embrasures | They are little gaps on the walls so archers can fire with some pretection. |
| Round towers | Round towers are used for archers and are harder to destroy than square ones. |
| Square towers | Same thing as round ones but easier to destroy. |
| Motte | A mound on which the tower was built. |
| Bailey | The main courtyard of a castle. |
| Machicolations | They were built from the curtain wall to help defenders drop stone and oil onto attackers. |
| Hoardings | “Sheds” that were easily placed on the outside the castle for archers and defenders. |
| Crossbowmen | Men who were armed with a crossbow. |
| Longbowmen | Better than crossbowmen and could light their arrows on fire. |
| Mangonels | A type of catapult that shot large rocks. |
| Trebuchets | Another type a catapult but not as accurate as mangonels and shot smaller rocks. |
| Oil | To be dropped over the side of the wall onto attackers |
| Stones | Same as oil. |

